

MCDHH E-News: April 15, 2022

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Keynote Speaker for this year's Annual Interpreter Conference

MCDHH is excited to announce the keynote speaker, Maricar Marquez. Ms. Marquez is a DeafBlind supervisor of the Independent Living Department at the Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youths and Adults (HKNC) in Sands Point, NY. Ms. Marquez is the keynote presenter for the conference October 7-9, 2022.

The Working In Allyship With Deafhood workshop with Marvin Miller will provide concrete applications for those within the interpreting or educational/ social services professional field. Please note that the language of this workshop is in ASL only. To get more information and/or register, please go to: <https://www.deafhood.org/events>

Upcoming Public Meeting:

MCDHH Commission

Meeting – June 9

Lohman's Landing Building

100 Jefferson St., JC MO

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Museum of Deaf History, Arts & Culture (MDHAC) presents a Cultural Series presentation called "Glimpse of Another America" about the Argentina Deaf Community and their culture/ history. Open to anyone who is interested to attend either in-person or virtually. While the language of the presentation will be in ASL, it will be voice interpreted in spoken English. Special rates offered for high school or college students and Friends of MDHAC members. If interested, you can register here at this link: [Cultural Series: Glimpse of Another America](#)

The Hearing Journal: Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids: What Consumers Should Know

For more information, click here: [Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids: What Consumers Should Know : The Hearing Journal \(lww.com\)](#)

April 23, 2022, Saturday @ 8 am – 4 pm (Pacific Time)

Zoom Online Meeting, Presented by Trix Bruce (Deaf)

This webinar effectively guides interpreters working on English-to-ASL skills. Challenges in rendering ASL from English source material are refined by expediting *visual thinking* skills. Boosting mastery of a wide range of classifiers facilitates visual imagery. This workshop will have several hands-on practice activities and group discussions.

Colorado Department of Education (CDE) approved for 7.5 skills hours

RSVP: <http://trixbruce.com/trix-bruce-webinar-sessions-available/>

Starkloff Disability Institute (SDI) is seeking to hire a Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Coordinator. This position will help create meaningful relationships between SDI and the Deaf & Hard of Hearing community and build new connections within our programs. Would you please share the attached job listing with your organization and network? Interested candidates may apply by emailing a cover letter and resume to me at bchao@starkloff.org. For more information, click here: [Outreach Coordinator](#)

University of Minnesota: Drive to Discover - The goal of this study is to assess the preparedness of audiologists to work with people with disabilities from the point of view of persons served, audiologists, and audiology education programs. This project is being conducted by myself, under the supervision of Dr. Evelyn Davies-Venn at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

This particular survey is intended to be taken by individuals with disabilities or their caregivers. Participants who complete the survey will have the opportunity to be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Amazon e-gift card! The survey will only take 5-10 minutes to complete.

To disseminate the survey, you can share the following link via a newsletter, email blast, social media post, or any other way that you see fit. I have attached a sample email you could use if you wish, but feel free to modify it to suit your organization and its audience.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

(Written English) Survey link:

https://umn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0jmmyxSE2zhg11Y

(American Sign Language Accessible) Survey link:

https://umn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_73btFMxsooeHUnI

2022 TDI Scholarship Now in its fourth year, the TDI Communication Access Scholarship Program is accepting applications. This program is available to all deaf and hard-of-hearing students graduating from high school this year. The scholarship application encourages deaf and hard-of-hearing students to innovate and bring forth ideas for addressing the communication challenges that the deaf and hard-of-hearing community faces.

“We hope that through disbursing scholarship, more deaf and hard of hearing youth leaders are given a head start to making an impact on advocating for accessibility, equity, and inclusion in information and communications technology,” said Mei Kennedy, TDI Scholarship chairperson. “Last year, we awarded six outstanding individuals and hope to see a growing number of applicants.”

All deaf and hard of hearing graduating high school seniors can apply online at TDIforAccess.org/Scholarship before **May 13, 2022**. Applications can also be mailed and must be postmarked by the deadline. Applicants will be notified before September of the award. For full scholarship details on eligibility, requirements, and application, visit [TDI For Access - Scholarship](#)

CREST (Cultivating Research & Equity in Sign-Related Technology) Network is looking for distinguished professionals in the sign language technology field to give presentations about their work as part of our CREST Talks series. Lecturers will be compensated financially. All on our end.

This is a fantastic opportunity for those seeking a platform to share knowledge and experience! Interested? Know someone who would be perfect for this? Please email us for more details at crest@gallaudet.edu! Be sure to check out our website here: [CREST Network](#) Also subscribe to our io.groups so you are in the know of current happenings in the sign language technology field!

Overcoming Barriers in the Healthcare Field Using Technology - Check out some incredible technology that has made the medical field more accessible for students wanting to pursue careers in medicine. These devices allow students to overcome many barriers in the journey to become a physician! Click here to learn more [Barriers in Healthcare](#)

Gallaudet University IRB Approval needs participants for a study on a novel ASL-based measure of cognitive functioning. To participate: scan QR code or click [Study Flyer.pdf](#) to access study description and to complete eligibility screening or contact Erin Timperlake – Primary Researcher ASLCogStudy@gallaudet.edu

MOCIL I.L. Summit – May 24, 2022 at the Branson Convention Center & Hilton of Branson. This program will increase your knowledge of programs and services for individuals with disabilities through 30 breakout sessions, 2 keynote general sessions and an opening day session that will discuss non-profit board of director's policies, governance models, recruiting board members and much more. Please join us.

Collaboration with Other State Agencies

MO Careers VR Counselor of Deaf -St. Louis job posting- For more information: [Mo Careers VR Counselor](#)

Kids Assistive Technology - The purpose of the KAT Program is to provide help when:

- No other funding source is available.
- When other funding sources are not enough to cover the costs of the needed assistive technology or access modifications.

Applications for children in families of lower-income receive priority. More information is available on our website on eligibility requirements.

Funding must be provided by late September 2022, so apply NOW! Contact Missouri Assistive Technology with any questions at 816-655-6700. For more information, click here [Kids Assistive Technology \(KAT\)](#)

Community Announcements

Talk To Someone Now - If you're thinking about suicide, are worried about a friend or loved one, or would like emotional support, the Lifeline network is available 24/7 across the United States.

- DCL: 321-800-3323 (deaf crisis line)
- DDH: 800-985-5990 (disaster distress helpline VP)
- Text: Type "HAND" to 839863